

heard from Wilma Lewis, Inspector General, Department of the Interior.

#### WAIVING $\frac{2}{3}$ VOTE REQUIREMENT

*Committee on Rules:* Ordered reported, by voice vote, a resolution waiving clause 4(b) of rule XI (requiring a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Committee on Rules) against a resolution reported by the Rules Committee before August 1, 1996. The resolution applies the waiver to special rules providing for consideration or disposition of a conference report to accompany H.R. 3734, Personal Responsibility Act of 1996.

#### NEW GENERATION OF VEHICLES PROGRAM

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Partnership for a New Generation of Vehicles (PNGV) Program. Testimony was heard from Lionel S. Johns, Associate Director for Technology, Office of Science and Technology Policy; Robert M. Chapman, Chairman, PNGC Government Technical Task Force, Department of Commerce; Thomas J. Gross, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Transportation Technologies, Department of Energy; Joseph Bordogna, Associate Director, Engineering, NSF; and public witnesses.

#### ISTEA REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation continued hearings on ISTEA Reauthorization, Metropolitan Planning: Metropolitan Planning Organizations and the Planning Process. Testimony was heard from Representative Hefley; Kirk Brown, Secretary of Transportation, State of Illinois; Susan Mortel, Assistant Deputy Director, Planning, Department of Transportation, State of Michigan; and public witnesses.

#### PATIENT RIGHT TO KNOW ACT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 2976, Patient Right to Know Act of 1996. Testimony was heard from Representatives Markey and Ganske; and public witnesses.

#### SAVING OUR CHILDREN: AMERICAN COMMUNITY RENEWAL ACT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Human Resources and the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families of the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities held a joint hearing on H.R. 3467, Saving Our Children: The American Community Renewal Act of 1996. Testimony was heard from Representatives Scott, Watts of Oklahoma, Kolbe and Knollenberg; Glenn O. Lewis, Representative, State of Texas; Fannie

Lewis, member, City Council, Cleveland, Ohio; and public witnesses.

#### APPROPRIATIONS—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 3517, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for fiscal year ending September 30, 1997.

#### SMALL BUSINESS JOB PROTECTION ACT

*Conferees* continued in evening session to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 3448, to provide tax relief for small businesses, to protect jobs, to create opportunities, and to increase the take home pay of workers.

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#### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D817)

H.R. 248, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the conduct of expanded studies and the establishment of innovative programs with respect to traumatic brain injury. Signed July 29, 1996. (P.L. 104-166)

S. 1899, entitled the "Mollie Beattie Alaska Wilderness Area Act". Signed July 29, 1996. (P.L. 104-167)

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

##### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services,* closed business meeting, to consider certain pending military nominations, 9:45 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., SR-222.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Lt. Gen. Howell M. Estes III, USAF, for appointment to the grade of General and to be Commander-in-Chief, United States Space Command/Commander-in-Chief, North American Aerospace Defense Command, 11:15 a.m., SR-222.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Adm. Jay L. Johnson, USN, for reappointment to the grade of Admiral and to be Chief of Naval Operations, 1:30 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs,* Subcommittee on International Finance, to hold hearings on provisions of H.R. 361, to provide authority to control exports, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works,* Business meeting, to consider the nominations of Nils J. Diaz, of Florida, and Edward McGaffigan, Jr., of Virginia, each to

be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, time to be announced, S-216, The Capitol.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*, Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings on food security issues in Africa, 2 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, to hold hearings to examine the incidents of drug smuggling at U.S. borders, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of Richard A. Paez, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Wenona Y. Whitfield, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois, Clarence J. Sundram, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, Joseph F. Bataillon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska, and Thomas W. Thrash Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources*, business meeting, to mark up S. 1490, to improve enforcement of Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and benefit security for participants by adding certain provisions with respect to the auditing of employee benefit plans, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture*, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, hearing to review the National Soybean Check-Off Program, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations*, to consider a revised 602(b) Subdivision for fiscal year 1997, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises, to continue oversight hearings regarding Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, to mark up H.R. 3793, 50 States Commemorative Coin Program Act, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce*, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials, to mark up H.R. 3391, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to require at least 85 percent of funds appropriated to the Environmental Protection Agency from the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund to be distributed to States for cooperative agreements for undertaking corrective action and for enforcement of subtitle I of such Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on FDA Integrity Issues Raised by the Visx, Inc. Document Disclosure, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight*, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, hearing on H.R. 3244, District of Columbia Economic Recovery Act, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Oversight*, to discuss pending business, 10:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on International Relations*, hearing on Review of U.S. Foreign Policy, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, to continue markup of H.R. 3307, Regulatory Fair Warning Act and H.R. 3565, Violent Youth Crime Act of 1996; and to begin markup of the following bills: H.R. 3723, Economic Espionage Act of 1996; H.R. 1499, Consumer Fraud Prevention Act of 1995; S. 1507, Parole Commission Phaseout Act of 1995; H.R. 3676, Carjacking Correction Act of 1996; H.R. 3874, Civil Rights Commission Act of 1996; H.R. 2128 Equal Opportunity Act of 1995; and H.R. 1802, Reorganization of the Federal Administrative Judiciary Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider the Conference Report on H.R. 3734, Personal Responsibility Act, 9:30 a.m., and to consider H.R. 123, English Language Empowerment Act of 1996, 3 p.m. H-313 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Rules and Organization of the House and the Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process, to continue hearings on Building on Change: Preparing for the 105th Congress, 9:45 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on Space Commercialization Promotion Act of 1996, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Government Programs and Subcommittee on Education, Training, Employment and Housing of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, joint hearing on SBA programs to assist veterans in readjusting to civilian life, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Standards of Official Conduct*, executive, to consider pending business, 1:30 p.m., HT-2M Capitol.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds, to mark up the following: H.R. 2062, to designate the Health Care Financing Administration building under construction at 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD as the "Helen Delich Bentley Building"; H.R. 3535, to redesignate a Federal Building in Suitland, MD, as the "W. Edwards Deming Federal Building"; H.R. 3576, to designate the U.S. courthouse located at 401 South Michigan Street in South Bend, IN, as the "Robert Kurtz Rodibaugh United States Courthouse"; H.R. 3710, to designate a U.S. courthouse located in Tampa, FL, as the "Sam M. Gibbons United States Courthouse"; GSA Repair and Alteration and Lease Prospectuses; and 11 (b) Resolutions, 9:30 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, to continue hearings on the impact of replacing the Federal Income Tax, with emphasis on domestic manufacturing and on energy and natural resources, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.